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22 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

- 33** The appropriation of \$750,000 for Bloomfield Township - Riverbank Restoration and Erosion Control is reduced to \$250,000. Based on information supplied by the sponsor, funding at the reduced amount is adequate.
- 34** The appropriation of \$100,000 for Caldwell Borough Township - Community Center is reduced to \$50,000. Based on information provided by the sponsor, only \$50,000 is needed for this purpose.
- 34** The appropriation of \$80,000 for Cedar Grove Township - Community Park Playground Rehabilitation is reduced to \$50,000. Based on information provided by the sponsor, only \$50,000 is needed for this purpose.
- 34** The appropriation of \$150,000 for Cedar Grove Township - Fire Department Truck Bay Extension is reduced to \$100,000. Based on information provided by the sponsor, only \$100,000 is needed for this purpose.
- 37** The appropriation of \$50,000 for Little Falls Township - Civic Center Rehabilitation is eliminated. This item duplicates a similar appropriation entitled 'Little Falls Township - Civic Center and Wilmore Park Projects -- \$114,000'.
- 37** The appropriation of \$35,000 for Little Falls Township - Sikorsky Park Renovation is eliminated. Based on information provided by the sponsor, no funding is warranted for this project at this time.
- 38** The appropriation of \$155,000 for Medford Township - Public Safety Equipment is reduced to \$140,000. This funding will be sufficient for appropriate improvements.
- 38** The appropriation of \$75,000 for North Caldwell Borough - Tennis Facility Lighting is eliminated. Based on information provided by the sponsor, no funding is warranted for this project at this time.
- 39** The appropriation of \$70,000 for Pennington Borough - Streetscape and Downtown Revitalization is eliminated. Based on information provided by the sponsor, no funding is warranted for this project at this time.
- 41** The appropriation of \$390,000 for Sussex - Wantage Branch Library is reduced to \$190,000. Based on information supplied by the sponsor, funding at the reduced amount is adequate.
- 41** The appropriation of \$25,000 for Verona Township - Playground Equipment is eliminated. Based on information provided by the sponsor, no funding is warranted for this project at this time.
- 42** The funding for the item entitled Little Falls Township Civic Center of \$114,000 is eliminated. This item duplicates a similar appropriation entitled 'Little Falls Township - Civic Center and Wilmore Park Projects -- \$114,000'.
- 44** Language authorizing withdrawals of up to \$18.5 million from landfill escrow accounts established by the Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission for the purpose of defeasing solid waste debt in related counties is eliminated. This language is contained in separate legislation.
- 45** Language authorizing up to \$23.5 million for the Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission's costs related to closing Landfill 1-E is eliminated. This language is contained in separate legislation.
- 52** The appropriation of \$100,000 for Morris Center YMCA - Child Care Facility is reduced to \$50,000. Based on information provided by the sponsor, only \$50,000 is needed for this purpose.
- 52** The appropriation of \$100,000 for Northwest New Jersey Community Action Program - Building Renovation is eliminated. Based on information provided by the sponsor, no funding is warranted for this item at this time.
- 53** The appropriation of \$1 million for the Somerset Hills School - Building Construction is eliminated. No funding is warranted for this project at this time.
- 55** Language appropriating \$640,000 from the Volunteer Emergency Service Organizations Loan Fund for the purpose of purchasing emergency vehicles in North Arlington, Atlantic County, Nutley, Middletown, and Rumson is eliminated. This language provision allocates funds from a source that does not have available balances.

34 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- 70** Language providing supplemental State Aid to sending districts in a sending - receiving relationship with an Abbott District is eliminated. This language seeks to direct an additional \$2 million to various school districts, but no additional funding was added to the Department of Education's budget for this purpose.
- 70** Language providing the carry forward of funds from the Nonpublic Handicapped Aid and the Nonpublic Auxiliary Services Aid accounts is eliminated. This language would reduce the surplus by \$5.5 million and this reduction has not been factored as part of this budget.
- 78** The appropriation for the Advisory Council on Holocaust Education is reduced by \$56,000. This funding inadvertently duplicates a similar \$100,000 increase inserted in this budget.

46 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES

- 97** The appropriation of \$1.5 million for the Office of Minority and Multicultural Health is eliminated. Bill S10 which also provides an appropriation for this purpose is expected to be signed into law. This appropriation is no longer necessary.
- 99** The language governing the Office of Minority and Multicultural Health is eliminated. Senate Bill 10 is expected to be signed into law. The language is no longer needed.
- 103** The language provision stipulating that the expenditure of funds for Maternal and Child Health Services be contingent upon the passage of legislation is eliminated. While the Acting Governor will work cooperatively with the Legislature, language subjecting these funds to a later enactment will result in an unnecessary delay.
- 106** The language provision stipulating that the appropriation for Health Care Subsidy Fund Payments be contingent upon the passage of legislation is eliminated. While the Acting Governor will work cooperatively with the Legislature on this initiative, language subjecting these funds to a later enactment will result in an unnecessary delay.
- 111** The language governing the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled Program is amended to delete a reference to the Voluntary Discount Program. This language is inconsistent with a language deletion by the Legislature that eliminated the authority to move forward with the Voluntary Discount Program.
- 111** The language provision making expenditures in the Senior Gold Program contingent upon the passage of legislation is eliminated. This language is no longer needed due to the enactment of enabling legislation.
- 112** The language provision stipulating that the appropriation related to Spousal Impoverishment (ie., Payments for Medical Assistance Recipients -Nursing Homes) be contingent upon passage of legislation is eliminated. While the Acting Governor will work cooperatively with the legislature, language subjecting these funds to a later enactment will result in an unnecessary delay.
- 113** The language governing the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled Program is amended to delete a reference to the Voluntary Discount Program. This language is inconsistent with a language deletion by the Legislature that eliminated the authority to move forward with the Voluntary Discount Program.

54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

- 117** The title relating to Carrier Clinics - Treatment of Greystone Patients is amended. The title change to Carrier Clinics is a technical change which more accurately reflects the intent of the sponsor.
- 125** The language provision stipulating that the appropriation for Payments for Medical Assistance Recipients- Inpatient Hospital be contingent upon the passage of legislation is eliminated. While the Acting Governor will work cooperatively with the Legislature on this issue, language subjecting these funds to a later enactment will result in unnecessary delays.
- 139** The language provision stipulating that the appropriation for Work First New Jersey Child Support Initiatives be contingent upon the passage of legislation is eliminated. While the Acting Governor will work cooperatively with the Legislature on this initiative, language subjecting these funds to a later enactment will result in unnecessary delay.

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- 141** The language provision stipulating that the appropriation for Kinship Care Guardianship and Subsidy be contingent upon the passage of legislation is eliminated. While the Acting Governor will work cooperatively with the Legislature on this initiative, language subjecting these funds to a later enactment will result in an unnecessary delay.
- 147** The language provision stipulating that the appropriation for School Based Youth Services be contingent upon the passage of legislation is eliminated. While the Acting Governor will work cooperatively with the Legislature on this initiative, language subjecting these funds to a later enactment will result in unnecessary delay.

67 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

- 169** The appropriation of \$150,000 for the New Jersey Naval Militia is reduced by \$25,000. This is a newly organized entity and it received State appropriations for the first time through legislation supported by the Acting Governor earlier this year. A smaller increase is adequate at this time pending review of this new organization.

74 DEPARTMENT OF STATE

- 175** The appropriation of \$100,000 for the Commission on Higher Education - Advocacy is eliminated. Additional advocacy for the New Jersey higher education community can be undertaken by the colleges and their umbrella organizations.
- 177** The language that defines the parameters for setting award levels for the Tuition Aid Grant program is amended, to provide needed clarification to implement the program. The deletion of this language will ensure that Tuition Aid Grants can be increased as originally proposed by Governor Whitman.
- 177** The language that appropriates an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the World Class Economy Scholarship Program is amended to provide needed flexibility to implement the program. While the administration will work cooperatively with the Legislature on this initiative, language subjecting these funds to a later enactment will result in unnecessary delay.
- 177** The language that appropriates such sums as are required to cover the costs of unanticipated increases in the number of applicants qualifying for full-time Tuition Aid Grants awards or fund shifts in the distribution of awards that result in an increase in total program costs, is amended to provide needed clarification to implement the program. The deletion of this language will ensure that Tuition Aid Grants can be increased as originally proposed by Governor Whitman.
- 187** The appropriation of \$250,000 for Morris Museum- Capital Improvements is reduced by half. Based on information provided by the sponsor, funding is adequate at the reduced amount.
- 187** The funding for the item entitled Musconetcong Advisory Committee - Historic Bridges Designation Project of \$30,000 is eliminated. Based on information provided by the sponsor, no funding is warranted for this item at this time.

78 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- 202** Language appropriating up to \$4 million from the Transportation Trust Fund for the Service Preservation Program is deleted. This budget already contains significant increases in appropriations so that new buses can be purchased by the State for private bus carriers. Additional funding in support of private bus carriers is not needed at this time.
- 202** Language appropriating \$1.5 million from the Transportation Trust Fund for the Old Bridge Rail Station is deleted. The manner in which funding was accommodated would have required an unspecified \$1.5 million reduction elsewhere in the Department.

82 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

- 211** Language that allows the carry forward of Direct State Services appropriations made on behalf of the Board of Public Utilities for rent, fringe benefits, and other indirect costs is eliminated. Adjustments will be made in the subsequent year assessment.

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Language governing the transfer of tax benefits related to the New Jersey Emerging Technology and Biotechnology Financial Assistance Program is eliminated. This change must be effectuated through statutory amendments.
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The appropriation of \$2.5 million for the South Jersey Port Corporation -- Storage Facility and Intermodal Transportation Depot is eliminated. Economic development funding should be sought through the Economic Development Authority for this initiative.

98 THE JUDICIARY

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The language provision limiting carry forward balances of \$2,000,000 for the Judiciary is eliminated. This will ensure that adequate funding will be available for the Judicial Branch to meet its fiscal needs.
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The language provision stipulating that the appropriation for Kinship Legal Guardianship be contingent upon the passage of legislation is eliminated. While the Acting Governor will work cooperatively with the Legislature on this initiative, language subjecting these funds to a later enactment will result in unnecessary delay.

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The language governing the expenditure of funds for the Hospital Asset Transformation Program is eliminated. Hospitals will greatly benefit from \$25 million in additional funds for charity care, \$30 million in additional funds for Medicaid hospital rate increases and \$71 million in additional funds for FamilyCare that was placed in this legislation. The language is no longer needed.

Respectfully,

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